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## Committee Sets Date For Prom

The Seniors will terminate their social year at the Prep on May 22, 1959, at the Senior Prom. This gala affair will be held on the roof of the Hotel St. George in downtown Brooklyn. Music will be supplied by a professional group called the "Rhythmeers". The bid for the prom is \$7.50.

The committee, which is under the direction of its able moderator, Mr. Arthur Maddaloni, is composed of three students from each senior class. The members of the committee are:

T. Prendergast, Chairman

401—R. Nash, W. McGee,  
J. Mazzorano

402—A. DeNunzio, T. Napier,  
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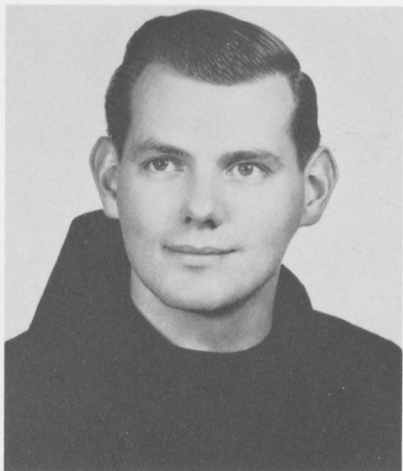
403—T. Murphy, M. Nolan,  
J. O'Hara

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W. Murphy

405—P. Callahan, W. Haffner,  
S. Murphy

Mr. Maddaloni and his committee are presently formulating plans to make this prom the most successful one in the history of Prep proms.

## New Brother Assigned To Faculty



Brother Leon, O.S.F.

Brother Leon, O.S.F., has recently been assigned to the staff of St. Francis Prep. Brother, an alumnus of the Prep, is also a graduate of St. Francis College.

Brother Leon had previously taught at St. Leonard's High School and St. Bartholomew's School in Elmhurst, L. I. Brother has been assigned to teach the senior Religion courses.

The SERAPH, in behalf of the student body, would like to give Brother a hearty welcome, wishing him great success.



Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg of Rockville Centre officiates at Franciscan Brothers Centennial Mass. Standing to the left of His Excellency are (l. to r.) Rev. Brother David, O.S.F., Assistant Superior General, and Very Rev. Brother Bertrand, O.S.F., Superior General of the Franciscan Brothers.

## Franciscans Celebrate Centennial Mass

Bishop Walter P. Kellenberg of Rockville Centre celebrated a Pontifical Mass of thanksgiving for the Franciscan Brothers at St. Agnes Cathedral on February 23rd. The Mass marked the centenary year of the Brothers teaching on Long Island.

A vast array of the Clergy, Brothers, Sisters, alumni, friends and students of the Brothers crowded the Cathedral to hear Bishop Kellenberg pay the Franciscan Brothers tribute for their service to education and to wish them God's blessings in continuing the excellent work they have demonstrated the past 100 years.

The sermon was delivered by Father Richard A. Walsh, an alumnus of St. Francis College and pastor of St. Vincent de Paul's parish, Elmont, L. I. Father Walsh traced the history of the Franciscan Brothers from the time of St. Francis. He stressed the point that the Brothers are models for Hero worship. He stated: "Who can fathom the good accomplished? What greater psychological help could a growing boy receive than to have before him in a classroom a man like St. Francis, detached from world by vows of poverty, chastity and obedience and yet personally interested in him. Isn't the craving for 'Hero Worship' amply satisfied for these young boys.

"Need we mention the fact that these Brothers have mastered the very latest teaching techniques and by their results, proven to the world, that they are master teachers in secular subjects.

"In higher education Franciscan life still attracts the 'Great' of today. Franciscan institutions have been staffed by Brothers who are leaders in their fields. Learned societies have honored them for their achievements and since by their fruits you shall know them, the alumni of the Franciscan Brothers are studded with lights in every field of endeavor.

## Seniors Are On Tour Of Washington Sites

As the Seraph comes off the presses some 50 seniors are presently enjoying a four day educational tour of Washington, D. C. This is the second year such a trip has been made under the direction of Brother Theodore, O.S.F., Chairman of the History Department. Traveling facilities are being afforded by the Prep's own Greyhound Terrier.

Combining education with pleasure the traveling prepsters will get a closer look at the workings of American government by touring the Capitol and possibly meeting some of the law makers. Congressman Rooney, an alumnus of the Prep, has hinted at the possibility of speaking with Senator Kennedy of Mass. It was entirely through Mr. Rooney's efforts that those who made the trip last year enjoyed the privilege of shaking hands with J. Edgar Hoover and being addressed by Speaker Rayburn and Majority Leader McCormack in the House of Representatives chamber. Planned, also, is a tour of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, where former prepster Ken Dougherty is a Mid-shipman.

While education will be the keynote by day, when evening shadows fall it will be time for the fun part of the trip. Activities on the agenda include a swim in the Ambassador Hotel pool, a night at the wrestling matches and a roller skating party. And not to be forgotten are the social contacts and acquaintances which will be made.



"Nicky" LaGiglia expresses sentiments of joy to Brother Theodore upon departure for Washington.

## Book Fair Hits All-Time High



Seniors appear to be smiling at Dave Armstrong's intellectual witticisms during recent Book Fair.

Under the direction of Mrs. Berry, the librarian, with the assistance of Brothers Cosmas, Hugh and Michael the recent BOOKFAIR at the Prep was a huge success. Within a period of three days some 2,000 books were sold from an initial stock of 3,000. This was an increase of about 500 from last year's 1600 sold books.

The choice of books ranged from the "Art of Skin Diving" to the "Idea of a University" by John Henry Cardinal Newman. Some of the more popular selections were: The Last Hurrah, The Bridge Over the River Kwai, The Red Badge of Courage, A Night to Remember, The Bridge at Andau, Run Silent, Run Deep, H. M. Ulysses, and a fine collection of Shakespeare's works. Live the Mass, Catholicism, and the Life of St. Francis were some of the excellent Catholic Image pocket books which were bought by the students.

The purpose of the Bookfair was to stimulate a greater intellectual growth through the reading of fine literature.

Photo by Karl Zettel



## Be Different . . .

By Frank de Caro

Recently at the Prep, as well as elsewhere, the problem of conformity versus non-conformity has been given no little consideration. Conformity is recognized as more a problem today than ever before, because of present day society. All of our "thoughtful intellectuals" stand firm in their condemnation of it and strongly advocate the doctrine: BE DIFFERENT! But do these leaders of America's intelligentsia ever bother to—as the saying goes—look farther than their noses? Non-conformity may be an improvement over conformity but is it a great wrong in itself.

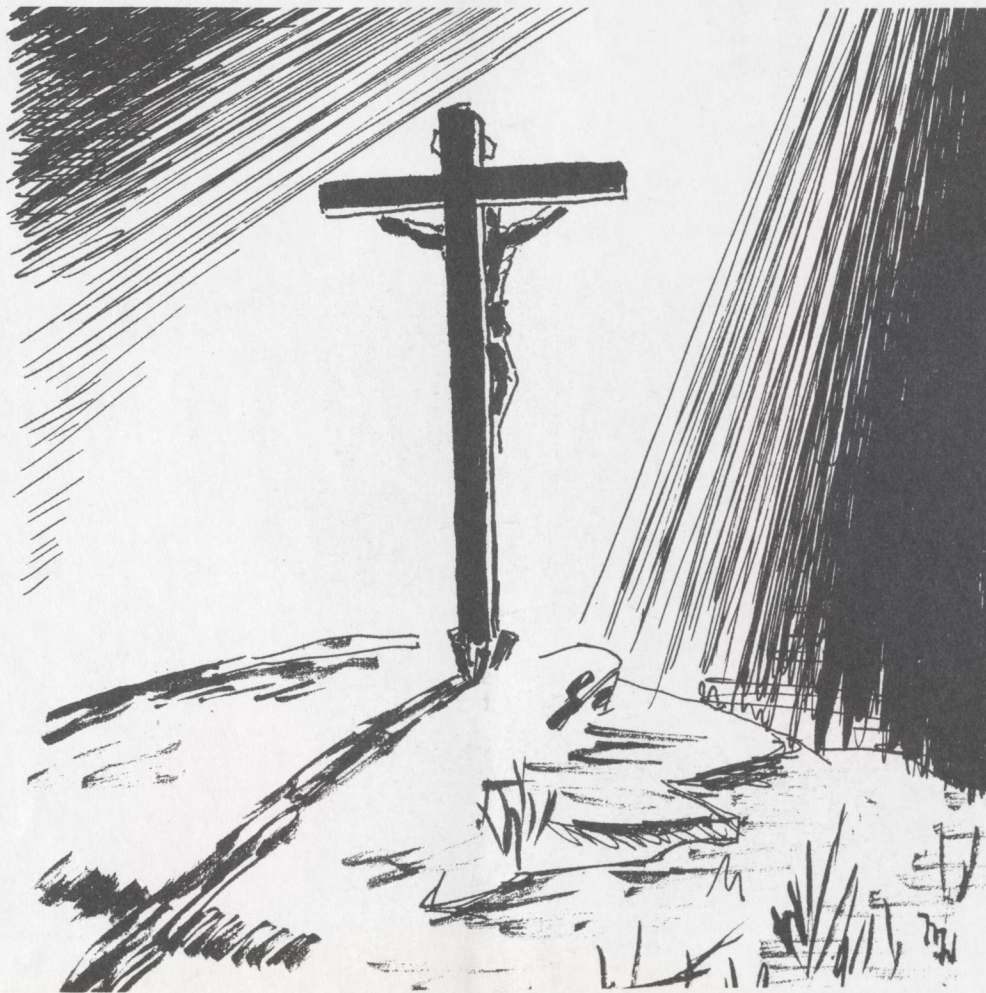
There is a gibe somewhat to the effect: the only person a non-conformist hates more than a conformist is another non-conformist who does not conform to the going standards of non-conformity. This little bit of humor is sadly true in too many cases. What is the solution? Simply change "be different" to "be an individual". You needn't become one of the pathetic beatniks nor must you keep a rendezvous in some secluded Greenwich Village bistro. All you need do is to act the way in which you feel you wish to act, within the confines of morality, of course. Surely, there will be those who counter this by declaring that individualism and non-conformity are taken to mean the same. This is not true. Often, the non-conformist is a warm sort of person, extremely pleased that he has the brains to choose the exclusive path to enlightenment. In his own little world, the conformist is a peasant, a fool, a being of lesser intellect or all three. But at the same time, this mentally inferior being is an essential figure. Without these who follow the crowd there would be no crowd from which to differ. On the other hand, the individualist, believing that everyone should be a distinct person, regardless of whether he seems to be alike or not so, has room in his theory for all to be alike without discrimination and short-sightedness.

Moreover, it cannot be overlooked that many of the non-conformists are the pharisees and scribes of today. They preach one thing and practice another. These enlightened ones move out of one group of look-alikes and pass right into another. The non-conformists are in truth conforming to certain criterion! It is exclusive or we might say a fad to follow the dictates of non-conformism, so all flock to its banners in order to claim its glories. When this effect wears off perhaps these same will become, in name, individualists, until something new pops up.

Thus we see two views, each opposed to conformity, yet one limited in scope, the other broad. True, there are those non-conformists who are sincere in their views, and those who profess to be such for lack of better expression. The latter are actually individualists. To these no offense is intended. But let the hypocrites beware, lest their existence should crumble.

## Blessed Are They . . .

(who have not seen and have believed)



Drawing by Martin Neville

Once again Catholics in every corner of the globe will enter upon the most solemn part of the Church's liturgical year, **HOLY WEEK**. From this Sunday, the Second Sunday of the Passion, until the following, the Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord, our churches will be crowded with the devout endeavoring to enter into the solemn preparation designed to bring us closer to the realization of just what the Sufferings of Our Divine Lord mean. Of the entire week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday have the greatest significance for us.

With no school, homework or social activities to interfere, it becomes the duty of every Prepster to participate fully in the Holy Week Rites in his parish Church. It was to facilitate this parish-family common participation that our late Holy Father, Pope Pius XII, ordered the Restored Holy Week Ritual. It was to bring the people closer to the Altar of Sacrifice that much of the revision was made and the use of English encouraged in sections of the ceremonies.

Let each of us not be found wanting, but with St. Thomas the Apostle, fall on our knees and cry out those words of Faith, "My Lord and My God!" Let us be present at the ceremonies of Thursday, Friday and at the beautiful Easter Vigil of Saturday concluding with the Mass of the Resurrection and then we will truly receive the "Blessing" our Risen Lord bestowed upon Thomas—we who have not seen with eyes of the flesh but with the eyes of Faith.

## Scholastic Slants

by Bill Murphy

In act II, scene 2 of Hamlet, Polonius asks Hamlet: "What do you read, my lord?" "Words, words, words" was Hamlet's answer. We need look no further than the Apocryphy and we find the statement "His word burned like a lamp."

It is upon this that I base the statement "you are what you read." This statement is mine only in that I subscribe to its content. Can we honestly hope to compare our minds to those of Voltaire, Gilson, Socrates and others of this caliber? With even the slightest use of humility, or for that matter, sincerity, we realize that the intelligence which is a prerequisite to the creation of a work of any merit is far superior to that which we possess.

If we are what we read, then should we be satisfied in being only half-men. Should we not look into the many

facets of literature. I do not mean believe all, but rather to be intellectually acquainted with as much as possible?

This fact is recognized in our institutions of higher learning in that they assign, as a matter of policy, a wide variety of reading matter on diverse subjects.

If one travels in any but the most simple sphere, one is met on all sides by queries of a most profound nature. To attempt to answer these questions without a knowledge of the subject is like swinging at an enemy in the dark. We must have the ammunition to re-

tort and in this case, the munitions are in the form of intellectual acquaintanceship.

Men of science have searched through the dens of iniquity for the truths of our existence. This quest has led them back to those things which the Church has long held. So will it be with the written thoughts of men. If the truth is there and men are in quest of it, they will reach it sooner if they are not stifled in their attempts.

To judge something by puritanical standards is to take a step backward into the past ages of ignorance and closed thinking. When we are forced to say "I don't know what it is, but it is bad," we find ourselves the objects of intellectual derision. With this statement of ours in the open, the discerning mind pays no heed to further statements and our power to argue for that which we believe is greatly limited.

I intend to give no advice in this column, but rather to state my own holdings on certain matters of current policy. I hope that those few of you who have bothered to read this do not feel that your time has been wasted, even if you only gained the viewpoint of another—a rare thing in these days.



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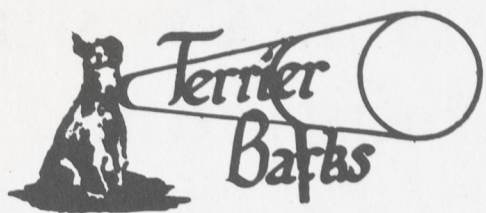
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by Michael Marco

The month of February is known for many things,—College Boards, mid-year marks and numerous other things which would affect the life of a student in high school. But to the high school athlete, February means one thing—"The Nationals". It sounds impressive. The word has a certain ring to it, just like a million, especially if the million is money. These National Championship meets bring together the most outstanding school boy athletes in the United States to compete against each other for the title of National Champion in . . . whatever it may be. To the better athlete it may be just another meet but the mediocre and good athletes look upon it as a giant. Here is where the butterflies start to move, here is where the race runs through your mind about a thousand different times putting you in a different position every time. Every competitor who competes in the Nationals has to have a certifying time in this event which must be under or equal to a certain time set down by the committee. These times are rigidly kept to and each one is checked. Therefore, when you say the competition is tough, you mean it. Even the disappointing third is fought for with all you have, for a third in the Nationals is a first in any other meet.

**Track** — To win a national title is an honor and a thrill, in fact one of the biggest thrills of my life. To be a member of the winning National Two Mile Relay was an honor. To run with Lippemeier, Jimmy Sammon and Sal Crispi and to know that we all fought as hard as we could to win, gave us a greater satisfaction. Sal Crispi, a sophomore, took the lead and despite about eight attempts to pass him held off some of the best lead-off men in the business. Jimmy Sammon ran the best race of his life bringing it in in 1st place. George Lippemeier (the "Bull" so called by Mr. McHugh) really opened it up and gave me a big lead. All I had to do was run and not let anybody catch me. The time of 8:04.4 was exceptional and the school record. The old record for that track event was 8:10.4. Our time was six seconds under it. Steve Morris annexed a 5th in the 1000. Steve gave an all out try and ran the fastest 1000 time of the year for him. Frank Weber, after winning his heat, hit the second hurdle and injured his foot. He gave it a good try in the semi-finals but his foot kept him from running the finals. We wound up with 6 points.

**Swimming** — The National Swimming Championship was held at Villanova University. Scoring 35 points to the runner up Mt. St. Joseph's of Baltimore with 30, the team won its seventh National title. In the 30's we won the meet five times in a row, which was quite a feat. Nick Cirigliano, undefeated, broke his own national record 4:30 in the four hundred freestyle by setting a new record of 4:12 and 18 seconds under the old standard. A half hour later Nick came back and won the hundred yard free style. The other points were garnered by K. Zinkand, 3rd in the 400 free style; Charlie Harris, 4th in the fifty free style; free style relay made up of Harris, Longton, B. Blenk, F. Whiteway took 4th place. The Medley Relay of R. Dudzinsky, H. Frey, a freshman, T. Blenk and D. Danylchuck took a 2nd. Tom Blenk placed 5th in the 100 yard butterfly; P. Cresci, 4th in the 100 free style; John Langton, 3rd in the 200 free style; P. Danylchuck, 5th in the dive. The boys surely spread out the points and I can visualize Mr. Booras staying up all night trying to figure out who was going to swim where. The boys worked hard and deserved the win and the congratulations of the student body for a job well done. While we are congratulating them, what about their victories in the City Individual Championship and the City Dual-Meet Championship.

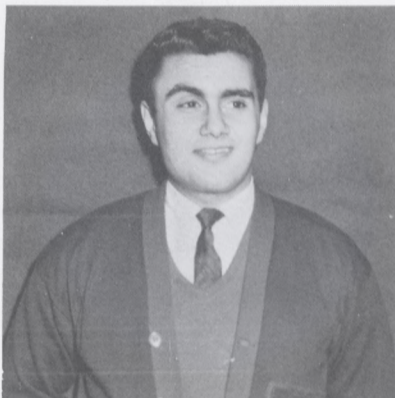
**Basketball** — The team completed the season with a roar by beating Chaminade on their home court. This trick is not often accomplished, especially after Chaminade came from behind and beat us a few weeks previous. The crowd was really a large one, for a change. Six busloads of Prepsters went out to the game to see the team win. Chaminade is not usually beaten on their home court. I can remember during the reign of the great Stith's we were beaten rather badly out there. Talking to the team, they think that Bob Krause and Tim Sullivan were the big men in the win, with Ray Nash and Tony Greer playing their usual excellent game.

**Odds and Ends** — Is the spirit finally catching on? I would say, YES! After the showing of the students at the Garden for the track championships, I believe most of the students would agree with me. Loughlin had one side, we had half of what they did and we still made twice as much noise. As you walked around among the students all you could hear were hoarse voices. That's the way it should be. The best display of spirit came when we needed the points in the two mile relay and the fellows stood up and cheered without stopping for eight minutes and twelve seconds. Then, to top that, they gave the same cheer for the second team throughout the whole race. The school song was never sung so loudly nor played so well. It was really great and believe me it helped the runners. I should know. We heard rumors that there were even cheering students at the swimming meet. Congratulations to the swimming team! Congratulations to the track team! Congratulations to the student body. Keep up the good work.

## PREP PROWLER

by Ronald Petrocelli

**QUESTION: What do you consider the most important activity, club or event at the Prep?**

**GABE SAVARESE—403**

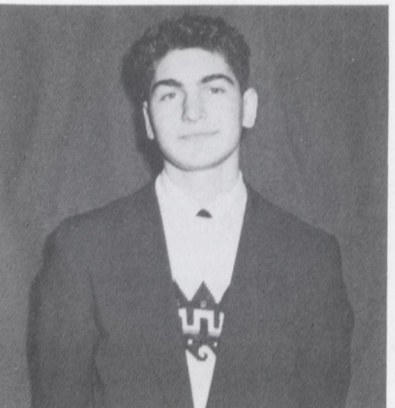
I think that to a senior the Senior Prom is the most important event of the year.

**TIM SULLIVAN—301**

I feel that football is very important to the school because it is not only an athletic competition but it also aids school spirit.

**THOMAS HLAVAC—301**

I consider, as also did the Greeks and Romans, that debating is most important. Therefore, the Duns Scotus Debating Society would be the most important activity.

**RON PUDDU—205**

I am of the opinion that the school paper, the SERAPH, which keeps the student informed of Prep occurrences, is the most important activity.

## Strictly Senior

by Philbert and the Flea

Well! We're back again. (Mainly because Brother Brendan wouldn't know what to do with this page).

We understand that Brother Theodore has been cited as Vice President of the Gasport Monster Club . . . Tom Hall should be elected as storyteller of the year (Ask him about his recent experience) . . . What has Brother Fabian got against the "Merry Wives of Windsor"? . . . We hear that Johnny Mazzorana popped a vocal chord at the CHSAA track meet . . . Speaking of track meets, half the cheering section of Loughlin was female . . . We are happy to report that Bill Casey is not one of the Chipmunks . . . The story goes that Estes Kefauver shook 10,000 hands in one day. He must have taken lessons from Ray Nash . . . No, Nick Cirigliano is not . . . Who says Brother Fabian looks like Arnold Stang in his new glasses.

### WOULDN'T IT BE FUNNY IF:

- Fidel Castro got a haircut.
- Davey Armstrong got a haircut.
- All the seniors graduated.
- Thinking men stopped smoking.
- Nick Cirigliano got waterlogged.
- Howdy Doody got arrested for juvenile delinquency.
- Joe Cortese became a butcher.
- Steinbeck was included in the library book list.
- Philbert and the Flea were exiled to Siberia.

### TEN TOP TUNES:

1. Staggering — by Bill Murphy
2. Venus — by the DeMilo sisters
3. I Got a Wife — Henry VIII
4. Tan Shoes and Pink Shoelaces — Mr. Maddaloni
5. Arma Virumque Cano — Mr. Towers
6. Leave Your Guns at Home, Son — Louis Offito
7. Transylvania Cha-Cha — Gasport and the Spooks
8. Keep a Knockin' But You Can't Come In — Brother Arthur
9. I Talk to the Trees — Bob Boeri and the Bats
10. All-American Boy — Tom Hall

### QUOTATIONS FROM MAD DEPT.:

- "Give a sharpie a house by the side of the road and he'll put up a toll gate."
- "We're always impressed when we see a man wearing both bermuda shorts and spats."

### QUIPS:

- Jim Cohen — Playtex poster-boy of the month.
- Miss Subways — George McGreal
- Vic Tanny reject — Juan Dolce
- Most likely not to buy a pack of cigarettes — Zachalie's Corner
- Count Dracula — Charlie Cassio
- Werewolf of St. Francis — Pete Calahan
- Hooty the Owl — Costello
- Chisel Chin — Whitey Calvison
- Cool Ghoul — Sal Georgiano
- King Kong — V. Chiarelli

### BOOK OF THE MONTH:

This month's award for the "Book of the Month" goes to Joe O'Brien for his suspenseful novel on love and war in "Beer Shampoo."

### TO BROTHER BENIGNUS:

The members of the Senior Class at this time would like to wish Brother Benignus a Happy Easter and a speedy recovery.

### QUESTIONS OF THE MONTH:

- Who sent Brother Theodore the monster pin?
- Was Jim Cohen at the skating party?
- Where is Bob Fabbriatore's Senior Ring?
- When will Brother Brendan organize a Seraph Staff?
- Who is the Big Bopper?
- Will Brother Leon make us read the Catholic Encyclopedia?



# Baseball Preview:

Last year was a big year for baseball at the Prep. Reaching the finals with a 12-3 record, losing only to Molloy, St. John's and Chaminade, we were beaten by Molloy by a score of 12-3 in the play-offs.

Some of the big men who helped bring St. Francis into the finals were Bill Sprawl, Prep catcher who batted .510, Joe Torre, who was the hitting-est pitcher in the league with a .485 average and who also helped out at third; and Bob Cefalu who played center field and batted a big .520. This was the last season for these three sluggers at the Prep and also for George Van Cott, Richie Cooney, and Mile Walsh.

Returning this year to the Varsity are shortstop Red Krause, second baseman Ray Nash, left fielder Joe O'Brien who, along with right fielder Ken Wittreck will be the Prep's only promising hitters. Mike Agnes will be returning at first with Matty Rossi at short. Willie Magee will be catching two sophs who pitched on the Varsity as Freshmen, Bob Brunz and Tom Febla.

The Varsity is also getting a handful of ball players from the Jay Vee including Dan Henning, who will be the only other pitcher, Bill Hanley in left, Louis Alba at third, Ottomano behind the plate, Tereskeiwicz at short and Bob Brunz in right.

An overall look shows us that the tiny Terriers are indeed tiny for they have only one or two strong hitters, including Joe O'Brien and a pitching staff of three. But the Terriers are hoping for a successful season but will need all the support they can muster.



Bob Brunz kicks up dirt on way to first. Bob is presently a sophomore and has a tremendous potential.

## BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 6	Power	May 4	Holy Cross
April 7	Lafayette*	May 6	Ft. Hamilton*
April 13	Holy Cross*	May 8	Brooklyn Prep*
April 17	Brooklyn Prep	May 11	St. Michael
April 20	St. Michael*	May 13	Trinity*
April 22	Trinity	May 15	St. John*
April 24	St. John	May 18	Loughlin
April 27	Loughlin*	May 20	Chaminade
April 29	Chaminade*	May 22	Molloy*
May 1	Molloy		* Away Games

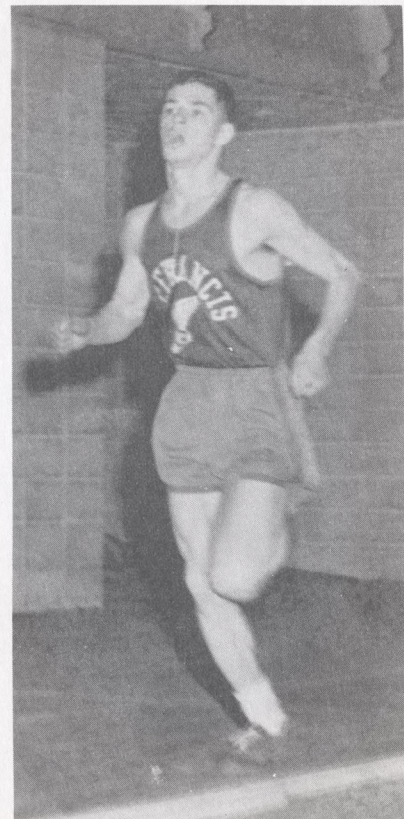
# Terriers Lose Crown Like Champions

St. Francis Prep, finishing off their mediocre season, ran their best meet of the year on Saturday, March 7th, at the CHSAA Track Championship. They finished second, 1 1/2 points behind Bishop Loughlin, who won with 22 points.

On Thursday, March 5th, Mike Lesniak started off the scoring for the Terriers by getting a fifth place in the shot-put with a heave of 51' 7".

The following Saturday Tom Johnson started the scoring by tying for 4th place in the 440 with a time of 52.9. Mike Marco, leading from the start, narrowly missed beating Mt. St. Michael's John Rielly in the 880. Rielly, who had fallen at the start, overtook Mike just short of the finish line winning in 1:57.9 with Marco .3 of a second behind in 1:58.2. The one-mile relay of Pete Corritori, Bill Dunn, Bill Honan and Bill McGuinness just missed gaining 5th place with a time of 3:32. After qualifying 2nd in the heats in the 280, Tom Armstrong out-raced a field of the City's best sprinters winning the 280 in 30.5. Four points were added to the Prep's total when George Lippemeier missed pulling the upset of the year when he finished 10 yards behind Loughlin's John Geraghty in the mile with a personal best time of 4:28.3.

At this point the Prep was 6 1/2 points behind pace setting Loughlin with one event left—the two-mile relay. The first team of Al Wittine (2:02.7), Sal Crispi (2:05.5), Jim Sammon (2:00.8) and Steve Morris (2:03.8) narrowed the margin to 1 1/2 points, winning this event in the time of 8:12.8. The second team of Jim Dunphy, Bill Szab- lewicz, Joe Salerno and George Long tried their best, aided by the cheering of the Terriers' cheering section, but could not manage to score.



Mike Marco, half-miler, sprints to finish.

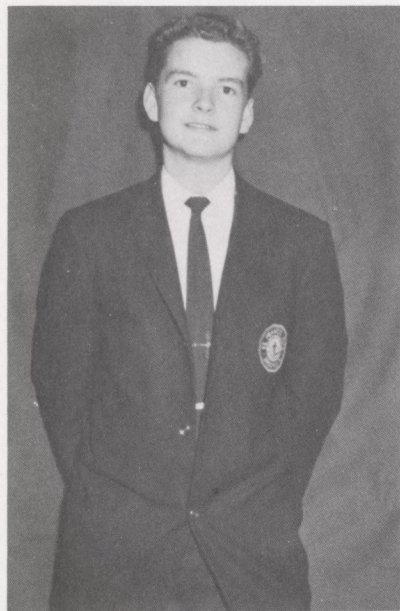
After Saturday's performance the team is positive that with the increased outdoor events they will capture the team title outdoors with the help of the student body.

# PREP PROFILES . . . introducing

by Ronald Petrocelli

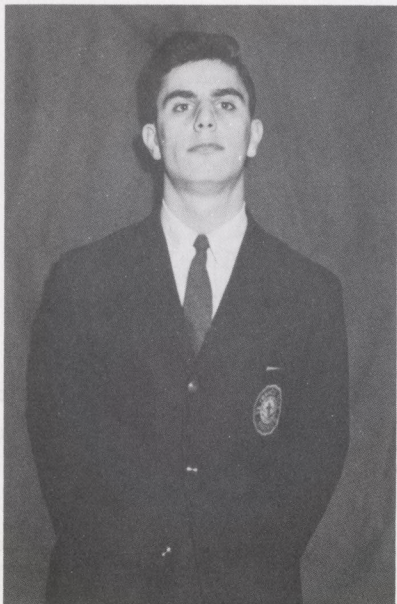
## JOSEPH M. GARGIULO—404

Joe commutes to and from the Prep from St. Mary, Star of the Sea parish in Brooklyn. "Julius" is a member of the Military and Dance bands as well as the Glee Club and the Orchestra. Joe, 5' 10", 145 lbs., plans to attend St. Francis College. In his spare time he is preoccupied with all the girls.



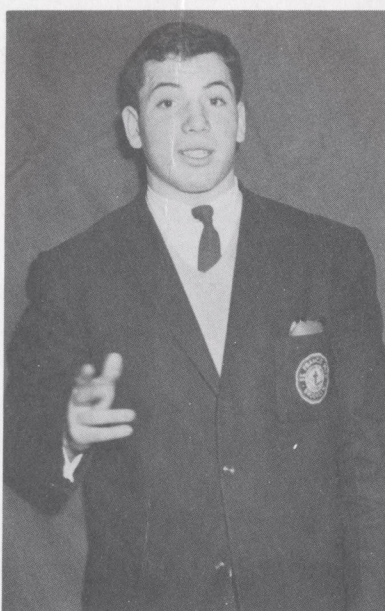
## THOMAS SULLIVAN—402

This 5' 10" senior commutes to the Prep from St. Matthew's parish in Brooklyn. During his time at St. Francis he has been active in the Latin Club, the Glee Club and Military Band. In the Fall, he plans to take a Business Administration Course at St. Francis College. As for the girls, all he can say is "Fran."



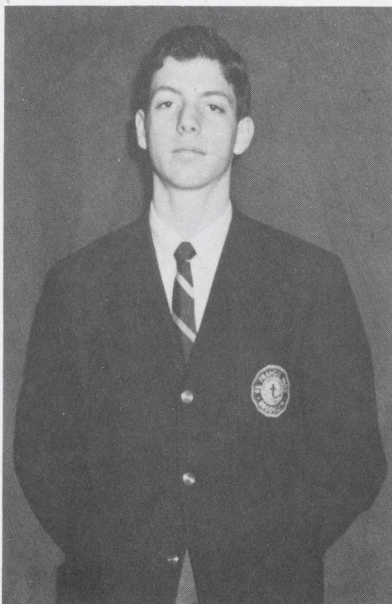
## THOMAS HALL—404

"Big" Tom comes to the Prep from St. Francis of Assisi Parish in the wilds of Flatbush. Tom is 6' 2" and weighs in at 215 lbs. As well as being one of the most illustrious members of the football team, Tom has also been active on the track team. Currently, Tom is on the Cafeteria squad. One of the girls running after Tom, at present, is Fran! Lucky boy!!!



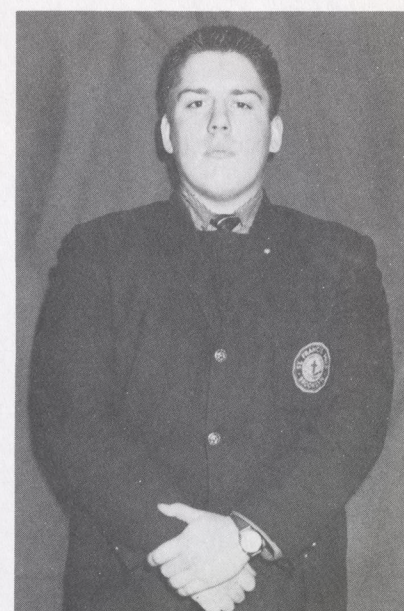
## MARTIN HAMBURGER—404

This 6' 1", 165 lb. senior hails from Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish in Ridgewood. Currently, he is the Editor-in-Chief of the San Fran. His literary talent is also being utilized by the SERAPH and in the form of love poems to Mary Ann. Marty is also in the Dance band and Orchestra. He plans to attend St. Francis College and to major in English.



## CHARLES LE FEVER—401

St. Rose of Lima Parish in Brooklyn lets us borrow "Chuckie" whenever we need him. Chuck is a member of the school's Dance and Military bands. He is also a member of the Orchestra. While attending Dance Committee meetings he thinks only of Michele. Chuck plans to go to St. Francis College for Business Administration.





# Finmen Take Grand Slam



Coach Tom Booras, Swimming Coach of the Year, gives some pointers to varsity finmen (l. to r.) John Holzapfel, Frank Lacerenza, Joe Giacinto and Pete Cresci.

## Prep Garnerers 7th National Crown

The varsity swim team of Saint Francis Prep attained the apex of interscholastic swimming success by triumphantly seizing the title of National Catholic High School Champions. This win culminated the continuous efforts of Coach Tom Booras who had already won six previous National Championships, and in amassing this total, set a phenomenal mark of five consecutive championships.

After assembling for Mass on Friday, February 20, the team embarked on the three day trip. Traveling in the school bus, the "Prepsters" reached the site of the competition, Villanova University, in Villanova, Pennsylvania, on the outskirts of Philadelphia some two and one-half hours later. For the next three days, some of the members of the team would receive their first glimpse of college life. Alumni of Saint Francis, now attending Villanova, gave invaluable assistance in providing rooms and introductions for our finmen who were housed in the Senior and Junior dormitory in Sheehan Hall. Returning to the pool, the Little Terrier contingent had a brief workout on this, the eve of the meet.

The first event, the 400 yard freestyle was to be a terrific dual between the two record shatterers, Cirigliano and Murphy. Not to be overlooked was the outstanding performance of Sophomore Ken Zinkand whose noteworthy efforts were, for the most part, unnoticed due to the terrific struggle for first. Nick Cirigliano set a blistering pace for the first 200 yards, turning in an unofficial time of 1:58.6 which had also busted the 200 yard freestyle record of 5.4 seconds, but, was not an accepted mark. Wearing down his opponent, Cirigliano outdistanced his foe, and in doing so, smashed the 4:24 record made that afternoon. He handed in a 4:12.1 time which was more than 12 seconds below the previous record! Ken Zinkand, already a CHSAA City Champion, placed third behind these two. In grasping third place, Zinkand beat last year's second place winner. Charlie Harris was the next tankman to score when he grasped a fourth place in the 50 yard freestyle. He was touched out for third in what was a photo finish. Tom Blenk, City 100 yard butterfly champion turned in the best time of his career, a 1:03.1 and was able to secure 5th place. John Langton, one of the most constant scorers in championship meets, added new laurels to his ever increasing total of accomplishments by picking up a third place trophy in the 200 yard freestyle. He was nipped at the finish line in a close and thrilling race throughout the entire 200 yards. Cirigliano returned to the finals of another event, this time the 100 yard freestyle. Pete

Piakowski from Marquette, Wis., was to be his most formidable threat as he also was an individual winner, in the 50 yard freestyle. The gun sounded and Piakowski bolted to an early lead of one body length at the end of 25 yards. At the mid-point of the race Cirigliano trailed by two body lengths. Going into the 75th yard mark Nick made the decisive move. Narrower and narrower became his adversary's lead. Down to the finish line they battled, ending in a dead heat, both with a 52.4 clocking. Unable to decide a victor, the Officials declared a tie and both boys shared the winner's spot. A 200 yard medley relay of Ray Dudzinski, backstroke, Henry Frey, breaststroke, Tom Blenk, butterfly, and Pete Danylchuck, freestyle anchor man, combined to qualify third. That night they all exerted a tremendous team effort to move up a slot to capture second place trophies.

St. Francis had successfully copped its seventh National Championship with a total of 35 points, 5 more than the runnerup Mount St. Joseph's of Baltimore, Maryland. Coach Tom Booras was adequately rewarded for his team Championship when he was deemed the outstanding Coach of the year, a title well earned.



(L. to r.) Bill Blenk, John Langton, Charlie Harris and Joe Giacinto are all smiles after completing great swimming season at Prep.

## Tankmen Net 89 Points To Sink All Competition At Seton Hall

Coach Tom Booras and his varsity mermen completed their Catholic High School campaign with a stirring victory at the Seton Hall Interscholastic Swimming Championships, amassing a total of 84 points, highest in the Meet's history. The swimming team entered the competition with the desire to achieve the highest pinnacle of swimming success, the grand slam. This consists of the City, Private, National and Seton Hall titles.

The Prep scored seven points in the opening event, the 400 yard freestyle, as Ken Zinkand swamped the opposition by over 15 seconds while grasping another first. Then Pete Cresci and Charlie Harris added nine points to the team score when they garnered second and third places, respectively, in the 50 yard freestyle. In this race, both bettered the old record held by a former Terrier finman. Following this, St. Francis annexed the second, fifth and sixth places in the 100 yard butterfly. Tom Blenk paced the Terrier trio by taking second with a 1:06.1 clocking. Ray Dudzinski and Frank Loughlin completed this scoring punch with respective fifth and sixth places. John Langton combined with 400 yard freestyle victor Ken Zinkand to seize the first two places in the 200 yard freestyle event. Langton's time of 2:07 was just nine tenths of a second off the meet record. Zinkand handed in a fine 2:09 time in picking up a second place medal. Tom Whiteway was 1 second from third place while grabbing a fifth place behind his two teammates.

Henry Frey, only a freshman, but varsity City breaststroke Champion, added new honors to his developing career when he successfully seized first place in the 100 yard breaststroke. Frank Lacerenza also supplemented the team total by picking up a sixth behind Frey. Ray Dudzinski and Frank Loughlin, successful butterfly combination, came back to score in another event, the 150 yard individual medley. Dudzinski's impressive clocking of 1:44.2 earned a second place for him while Loughlin's 1:47 took fourth place laurels. The medley relay team of Don McQuade, Henry Frey, Tom Blenk, and Pete Danylchuck pooled their qualifying efforts into a second place standing, four-tenths of a second behind the Cardinal Hayes contingent.

As a result of defending their team title, their fourth in as many years, St. Francis has cleared the last obstacle on the way to the grand slam of swimming. The team's 84 points were 33 points more than its second place competitor Cardinal Hayes, while the favorite, Seton Hall, took third.



Tom Blenk, butterfly specialist, heads toward finish line, copping first place in Private's.

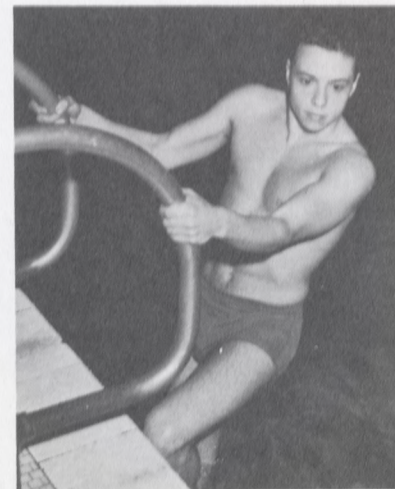
## Swimming Team Cops Private's

Saint Francis Prep's varsity natators, under the adroit tutelage of Coach Tom Booras, maintained its undefeated ranking by swamping all competition in meet after meet. This was illustrated on Saturday, March 7, at Columbia University's natorium, the scene of the Private School Swimming and Diving Championships. The Boorasmen compiled an insurmountable sum of 79 points, 41 points more than Cardinal Hayes High, the team in second place. Two records were broken and one mark was tied, all by Saint Francis swimmers.

In the opening event of the evening, the 400 yard freestyle, Ken Zinkand led a field of five qualifiers by over 25 seconds! In the finals, Zinkand widened this gap to over 30 seconds! This performance is remarkable, when one considers that this Little Terrier finman is only in his sophomore year. His time of 4:32.8 was only 1.6 seconds off the meet record held by the present co-captain of the team, Nick Cirigliano. Minutes later, Charlie Harris moved up to starting block number three, the position of the top qualifier in the 50 yard freestyle. As the qualifiers raced down towards the finish line, Harris appeared to have secured first place. Much discussion among the meet officials followed and in the final placings, Harris was given second place. His time of 25.3 was one-tenth of a second better than the 25.4 clocking of the winner, but the judges' decisions took precedent over the time element. Tom Blenk seized another first gold medal, this time with a time of 1:04.1. Frank Loughlin delivered the best time of his career and was rewarded with a third place bronze medal.

The next event, the 100 yard freestyle, exploded into what was the highlight race of the night. Splashing through the whole 100 yards, the five jockeyed for position. They fought and streaked to the finish with Pete Cresci the winner. He lowered his qualifying time to 56.6. Then Henry Frey preserved his first place in the 100 yard breaststroke by defeating his Xavier opponent by one body length. In doing so, he eclipsed the meet record of 1:15, held by Bill Blenk, also of Saint Francis, with a new 1:14.7 mark.

Directly after this came the 200 yard freestyle relay. Saint Francis was represented by Tom Whiteway, Pete Danylchuck, John Langton and Charlie Harris. The relay team was striving to break the 1:42.9 record for this event, which was set in 1939. Whiteway, Danylchuck and Harris drew the team nearer to the record and John Langton insured the relay of setting a new standard. Their time was 1:41.5.



Nick Cirigliano, All American, ended triumphal swimming career at Prep by smashing 400 yard freestyle record in the Nationals. He took 12 seconds off previous mark.

They have thus cleared another major hurdle to their way to completing the grand slam of swimming; that is, winning the City and Private School Championships as well as the National and Eastern titles. The sole hurdle to be cleared is the Eastern Championships held at Seton Hall University.



# Dear Ebby

by Jerry Ryan

Dear Ebby:

I've been shooting pool for years now and I still only win an occasional game. Can you advise me as to how to raise my average?  
Tony (Physique) Santore

Dear Tony:

Try holding the cue with your hands instead of your left foot.

Dear Ebby:

I've been on the "D List" since the beginning of this term. My friends don't mind but my parents do. I've tried studying but nothing seems to help. What can I possibly do?  
Mr. X

Dear Mr. X:

Don't bother trying. Maybe they'll start handing out letters for it one of these days.

Dear Ebby:

I've been running track for a while now and even though I have good coaches I still can't seem to win often. (I can't even win when I trip my opponents). What can I do to win a race?  
Mike Marco

Dear Mike:

You can always give up track and start bowling.

Dear Ebby:

I'm in the flower importing and exporting business. My biggest seller up to now has been "Peace Lillies," but business has begun to drop off. (Even the Germans will buy only tulips.) What am I to do?  
Nikita Khrushchev

Dear Nikita:

Try selling Forget-Me-Not's.

Dear Ebby:

I'm having an awful time avoiding nagging fans who are forever trailing after me. Even though I'm a great swimmer I still can't stand all this fame. Can you advise me?  
Frank "Flipper" Accettulli

Dear "Flipper":

Try showing up at a few meets.

Dear Ebby:

I've been going with my girl Priscilla for a long time and we're not even going steady (at least she isn't). What can it be? What can I do?  
Don McQuade

Dear Don:

Give her up. Eight years is long enough.

Dear Ebby:

Even though I'm better than my classmates in all subjects and activities they still refuse to believe that I belong to the "master race." (I even carry the attendance slips for Brother Beckett). Can you help me?  
"Big John" Langton

Dear "Big John":

Try wearing a shamrock and speaking with a brogue.

## SCHEDULE FOR MONTH

April — For Christ Our Redeemer

6 Mon. Classes resume.

6 Week of Sophomore Basketball Intramurals; Bowling Intramurals.

11 Sat. C.H.S.A.A. Track Relay Carnival at Randall's Island.

13 Week of Freshman Basketball Intramurals.

17-18 Fri.-Sat. Queens-Iona Track Relay Carnival at Randall's Island.

24 Fri. End of Fifth Marking Period.

24-25 Fri.-Sat. Penn Relay Track Carnival at Philadelphia, Pa.

27 Week of Senior Softball Intramurals.

30 Thurs. Committee on Elections nominate officers for next year's Student Council.

May — Month of Our Blessed Mother

2 Sat. Brooklyn College Track Meet at Brooklyn College Field.

3 Sun. Fordham Prep Relay Carnival at Van Cortlandt Park.

4 Mon. Fathers' Guild Meeting and Faculty Interviews.

4 Week of Junior Softball Intramurals.

5 Tues. Brooklyn Automotive Track Meet at McCarren Park.



Photo by Karl Zettel

Senior Lieut. W. G. Macintosh administers Power Piloting Test to F. Riley.

## Piloting Test Administered To Power Boat Squadron

The main purpose of the Power Squadron's Program is to inform those who use boats or who may in the future, as to how they can operate them safely. Detailed instruction in the following subjects is given during a series of fifteen class periods: seamanship, charts, required equipment, rules in the road, safety afloat, manners and customs on shipboard and lights and navigational aids.

At St. Francis the theoretical knowledge learned in the classroom is put into practice during the Saturday meetings at Whitestone. At Whitestone, rowing, sailing and operating of the school's power boat *The Little Terrier* are available to the members. The members having participated in the program are eligible to take a three hour exam. Those who pass the exam are awarded certificates by the Brooklyn Squadrons of the U.S. Power Squadrons and a piloting emblem will be awarded by St. Francis.

On February 19, 1959, DEMARINIS, RILEY, OGERSHAIK, MITCHELL, FITZPATRICK, and FRIECH took the United States Power Squadrons Piloting Test which was administered to them by Senior Lieut. W. G. Macintosh of the Brooklyn Squadron. The results of the test have not yet arrived but Brother Louis is sure that all did well.

## Staff Members Attend C.P.S.A.

On March 12, 13, and 14 members of the Seraph Staff attended the 35th Annual Conference held at Columbia University. This nation-wide meeting of school newspaper representatives proved to be a great journalistic benefit to those in attendance.

A series of more than 150 meetings, conferences and other instructive talks were given in this three day period. The purpose of this annual event is to produce a greater interest in the field of journalism and to develop a better scholastic press.

On Saturday, March 14, a luncheon was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. At the conclusion of the luncheon the Convention was adjourned until March, 1960.

## College Admissions Discussed At Forum

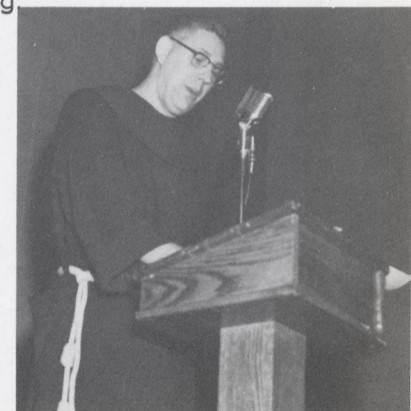
"Admission to College for the High School Senior" was the topic discussed at the recent Education Forum.

Beginning at 8:00, the parents of Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen were given an opportunity to pose questions concerning admission requirements to present Seniors at the Prep who were the panelists. The student panel was composed of Thomas J. Hall, William K. Murphy, Martin J. Neville, Raymond J. Nash and George X. Sehn. The comments of Mr. Sehn concerning his future vocation were particularly enlightening.

Problems of the Senior in gaining admittance to college were brought out so that the parents of the underclassmen would be familiar with them and would be able to assist their sons in their senior year.

Under the direction of Brother Felician, O.S.F., the Guidance Director, the evening proved to be enjoyable and informative. The forum served as a basis for next year's conference at which representatives from Catholic and military institutions will be present.

After the conference portion of the evening was completed, the parents were treated to refreshments in the cafeteria.



Brother Felician, O.S.F., Guidance Director, answers questions posed by parents pertaining to college boards.

## Prepsters Go Around In Circles



(L. to r.) Ray Nash, Mike Marco and Lenny Gaynor enjoy recent skating party with pretty dates.

## N.B.C. Host To Seraph

The First Annual NBC Broadcast News Conference for High School Editors was attended last month by Tom Napier and Edward Weick, Editor and Assistant Editor of the SERAPH respectively. Representatives from 500 high schools in the New York metropolitan area took part in the all-day conference which was held in the NBC Studios is Rockefeller Center.

The Conference was designed to examine with young journalists the expanding newsgathering roles of television and radio. "The purpose of this seminar," Mr. Kintner said, "is to acquaint high school editors at first hand with the techniques and problems of electronic journalism. Many of them will be among the top journalists of the next generation, and we want to show them the most up-to-date means of getting the news to the public as well as the opportunities that await them in this expanding field of radio and television reporting."

Robert W. Sarnoff, Chairman of the Board of NBC, addressed the students at the close of the conference and announced details of the First Annual H. S. Editors NBC Working Fellowship. All high school representatives attending the sessions will be eligible for this award.

Taking an active part in organized discussion with the high school students were noted NBC News veterans Chet Huntley, Pauline Frederick, Morgan Beatty, Merrill Mueller and John K. McCaffery.

The conference was held in Studio 8H of the NBC Studios. It began at 9:45 a.m. and continued until 9 p.m. Delegates were served lunch and dinner, and a light breakfast for early arrivals. All participants were the guests of NBC.